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## **OLR Bill Analysis**

**sHB 6488**

### ***AN ACT CONCERNING THE EVACUATION AND TEMPORARY SHELTERING OF CERTAIN ANIMALS DURING EMERGENCIES.***

#### **SUMMARY:**

This bill requires municipalities to consider whether to include in their emergency plans of operation provisions for the (1) nonmilitary evacuation of pets and service animals, instead of just livestock and horses, and (2) temporary sheltering of pets, service animals, and animals trained to help first responders.

The bill requires local civil preparedness advisory councils to include representatives of local and state animal humane organizations. Under current law, the councils consist of (1) representatives of municipal civil preparedness agencies; (2) representatives of business, labor, agriculture, veterans, and women's groups'; and (3) other people important to the particular community's civil preparedness program. The councils advise local civil preparedness organizations on civil preparedness issues.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2013

#### **BACKGROUND**

##### ***Emergency Response Plan***

In order to be eligible for certain state and federal homeland security and civil preparedness funds, a town must have a current emergency response plan of operations, approved by the emergency services and public protection commissioner. The plan must include, among other things, activities and measures designed or undertaken to:

1. minimize or control the effects of a major attack, disaster, or emergency upon civilians;

2. deal with the immediate emergency that would be created by any such attack, disaster, or emergency; and
3. carry out emergency repairs to vital utilities and facilities destroyed in such an attack.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea    24    Nay   0    (03/21/2013)